

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A collaborative call method comprising:
initiating presentation of a graphical user interface (GUI) element by a presentation engine to a caller's device associated with a caller joining in response to initiation of a collaborative call, after the caller has been identified, the GUI element operable to display a listing of call participants associated with the collaborative call; and
updating information presented in the GUI element in response to a change in a status of one or more of the call participants.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
recognizing that [[a]] the caller has joined the collaborative call as a call participant; and
presenting a name associated with the caller within the GUI element.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising using a caller ID service to identify [[a]] the caller joining the collaborative call as a call participant.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising prompting [[a]] the caller joining the collaborative call as a call participant to speak in connection with identifying the caller.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the status of each call participant is selected from a group consisting of an on-call state, an off-call state, a currently speaking state, a waiting to speak state, and a paused-call state.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking a caller metric for at least one of the call participants, wherein the caller metric is selected from a group consisting of a call joining time, a call exiting time, an on-call duration time, an accepted to-do list, and a participation level indicator.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising generating a collaborative call report.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the collaborative call report comprises a list of the call participants and a caller metric for at least one of the call participants.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the collaborative call report further comprises a transcript of the collaborative call.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a signal indicating a desire of a first call participant to communicate with at least a second call participant via the collaborative call.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising updating the GUI element to indicate the desire.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
updating the GUI element to include an indication of the desire;
recognizing a subsequent communication by the first call participant; and
updating the GUI element to remove the indication.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting at least a portion of a transcript of the collaborative call in a textual format within a near real time chat window associated with the GUI element.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising creating a blog of the collaborative call, wherein the blog comprises at least a portion of a transcript of the collaborative call.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
generating a collaborative call report comprising a list of participants and a transcript of at least a portion of the collaborative call; and
distributing the collaborative call report to at least one call participant.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein distributing the collaborative call report comprises sending a message selected from a group consisting of an electronic mail message, an Instant Message, a facsimile message, and a physical paper message.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the GUI element comprises an administrative feature icon, the method further comprising:
recognizing that [[a]] the caller has joined the collaborative call;
determining that the caller is a call host;
initiating presentation of the GUI element on a display associated with the call host, after the caller is determined to be the call host;
recognizing that a second caller has joined the collaborative call; and
initiating presentation of a second GUI element on a display associated with the second caller by the presentation engine, after the second caller is recognized, wherein the second GUI element does not include the administrative feature icon.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the GUI element comprises an administrative feature icon operable to trigger termination of a web session associated with the collaborative call, the method further comprising:
recognizing that [[a]] the caller has joined the collaborative call;

determining that the caller is a call host; and
initiating presentation of the GUI element on a display associated with the call host, after the caller is determined to be the call host.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving a signal indicating activation of the administrative feature icon; and
terminating the web session.

23. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable data executable by a processor to:
initiate presentation of a host graphical user interface (GUI) in connection with a collaborative call, the host GUI comprising an administrator icon and a listing of call participants associated with the collaborative call;
initiate presentation of a participant GUI having an appearance different than the host GUI by a presentation engine to a device associated with a caller joining in the collaborative call, after the caller has been identified; and
update information presented in the host GUI in response to a change of status of a call participant.

24. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising additional computer-readable data executable by the processor to update participant GUI information presented in response to the change of status of the call participant.

25. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising additional computer-readable data executable by the processor to:
generate a transcript of the collaborative call; and
initiate communication of the transcript to at least one call participant.

26. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the status of each call participant is selected from a group consisting of an on-call state, an off-call state, a currently speaking state, a waiting to speak state, and a paused-call state.

27. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising additional computer-readable data executable by the processor to initiate presentation of a GUI element within the host GUI, the GUI element comprising at least a portion of a transcript of the collaborative call in a textual format.

28. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the transcript is presented in near real time.

29. (Currently amended) A collaborative call system, comprising:
a computing platform operable to be communicatively coupled to a remote host station and a remote participant station;
a participant status engine operable to execute on the computing platform and to track a status associated with a corresponding participant of a collaborative call, wherein the status is selected from a group consisting of an on-call state, an off-call state, a currently speaking state, a waiting to speak state, and a paused-call state; and
a presentation engine associated with the participant status engine, the presentation engine operable to initiate presentation of a first graphical user interface (GUI) on the remote host station associated with a host, after the host is identified, and a second GUI on the remote participant station associated with a caller, after the caller joining the collaborative call is identified, wherein the second GUI differs from the first GUI.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the first GUI comprises a list of call participants and a status icon for each of the participants.

31. (Original) The system of claim 29, further comprising a communication engine operable to initiate communication of a call report to the remote host station in response to completion of the collaborative call.

32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29, further comprising an update engine associated with the presentation engine, the update operable to initiate an updating of the first GUI and the second GUI in response to a change in the status of a particular participant.

33. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29, further comprising a thin client operable to execute at the remote host station.

34. (Canceled).

35. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the collaborative call comprises a voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) call.

36. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29, further comprising an interactive voice response (IVR) unit communicatively coupled to the computing platform, the IVR unit operable to allow at least one participant to access information associated with the collaborative call via a voice telephone call.

37. (Previously presented) The system of claim 29, further comprising a next to speak engine associated with the presentation engine, the next to speak engine operable to recognize a desire of one of the participants to communicate via the collaborative call and to initiate presentation of an indication of the desire in the first GUI.

38. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

presenting a graphical user interface (GUI) element automatically by a presentation engine to a device associated with a caller joining in response to initiation of a collaborative call comprising two or more call participants, after the caller has been identified, the GUI element operable to display a listing of the ~~two or more~~ call participants, the listing including a participant status associated with each of the ~~two or more~~ call participants; and
updating information presented in the GUI element in response to a change in the participant status of one of the call participants;
wherein the participant status is related to activity by the corresponding call participant during the collaborative call.

39. (Canceled).

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising communicating data to a calendar program associated with one of the call participants, wherein the data is communicated via a software package.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising automatically delivering an audible indication to the call participants when a host begins speaking.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising automatically delivering an audible announcement to the call participants when one or more of the call participants has left the collaborative call.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein a first call participant participates in the collaborative call via a wireless device and a second participant participates in the collaborative call via Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

44. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein a first call participant participates in the collaborative call via a computer and a second participant participates in the collaborative call via a wireless device or Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

45. (Previously presented) The collaborative call system of claim 29, wherein the presentation engine is operable to display an image or a portion of a document on the first GUI or the second GUI during the collaborative call.